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**BALTIMORE CITY DSS CELEBRATES NATIONAL FOSTER PARENT
APPRECIATION MONTH WITH VIDEO CAMPAIGN**

Series of videos aims at encouraging people to become foster parents

BALTIMORE - The Baltimore City Department of Social Services is launching “*Put a Little Love in Your Life*,” a video campaign to recruit new foster parents. Baltimore City foster parents have starring roles in these videos and share the joys of providing supports for children in the state’s care.

During the month of May, Foster Parent Appreciation Month, the campaign will begin airing in local media markets. The campaign will premier at a celebration to honor Baltimore City foster parents.

WHO:

BCDSS Director Molly McGrath

DHR Secretary Brenda Donald

Baltimore City Foster Parents/Families (available for interviews)

WHAT:

Premier of “*Put a Little Love in Your Life*”

Produced by the Academy Award winning MedSchool Maryland Productions for BCDSS

WHEN:

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

5-7 pm

WHERE:

Charles Theatre

1711 North Charles Street - Baltimore, MD 21201

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The Maryland Department of Human Resources is the state’s social service provider. The agency collaborates with 24 local jurisdictions to: provide foster care, adoption and protective services to children; collect and distribute child support payments; and provide temporary cash, food stamps and medical assistance to families. It also administers programs for homeless persons, refugees, migrant workers, victims of crime and women who are displaced, battered or assaulted. Last year, DHR served 638,000 people in need. In terms of its annual budget, DHR is Maryland’s fourth largest state agency.

- Martin O’Malley, Governor
- Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor
- Brenda Donald, Secretary